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SUBJECT : CIVAIR -- SEABOARD WORLD AIRLINES PERMIT APPLICATION

REFS : (A) STATE 118161 (NOTAL) (B) MANAMA 1161 (NOTAL)
(C) MAHONEY/BURLEIGH LETTERS DATED JUNE 10 AND 13

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED TWO LETTERS FROM SEABOARD WORLD AIRLINES INC. PRESIDENT JOHN MAHONEY (REF C) SINCE DESPATCH OF REF B. MAHONEY ASKS IF EMBASSY HAS ANY "ADVICE REGARDING THE TERMS THAT SHOULD BE PUT INTO THE APPLICATION TO THE MINISTRY". IN ORDER TO CONFIRM WHAT WE HAD RECOMMENDED EARLIER (REF B), EMBASSY CONTACTED GOB ASST. UNDERSECRETARY FOR CIVIL AVIATION SHAIKH ISA BIN ABDULLAH AL KHALIFA JUNE 25 TO ASK IF HE HAD ANY COMMENTS TO PASS ON TO SEABOARD.

2. SHAIKH ISA CONFIRMED THAT SEABOARD SHOULD SEND HIM A LETTER, STATING WHAT TYPE OF SERVICE IT PROPOSES, WITH ROUTES AND FREQUENCIES, ETC., MENTIONED. HE SAID IT WAS SIMPLY ROUTINE APPLICATION HE WAS SEEKING.

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3. SHAIKH ISA THEN STATED THAT HE HAD LEARNED AT THE GULF AIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING LAST WEEK (IN DOHA, JUNE 22-23) THAT SEABOARD AND GULF AIR ARE IN THE MIDST OF DISCUSSIONS TO CREATE A "JOINT VENTURE" WHICH WOULD ENTAIL SEABOARD'S BRINGING FREIGHT/CARGO FROM THE US TO EUROPE AND GULF AIR BRINGING IT FROM EUROPE TO BAHRAIN AND POSSIBLY OTHER GULF AIRPORTS. ACTUAL PLANES FOR LATTER SERVICE WOULD BE

SEABOARD'S, ON CHARTER TO GULF AIR. WHEN EMBASSY ASKED IF THESE WOULD BE "THROUGH" FLIGHTS, I.E., NEW YORK-BAHRAIN, HE SAID HE THOUGHT THEY WOULD BE. HE SAID IF THIS JOINT VENTURE PROPOSAL GOES THROUGH HE WOULD "NATURALLY" LIMIT THE ACCESS OF OTHER FREIGHT CARRIERS TO THIS GROWING MARKET IN SUCH A WAY AS TO BE BENEFICIAL TO BOTH SEABOARD AND GULF. HE ASKED WHAT EMBASSY KNEW OF "JOINT VENTURE" PROPOSAL AND WE REPLIED THAT IT WAS THE FIRST WE HAD HEARD OF IT IN A FORMAL SENSE BUT THAT WE KNEW AND HAD ALREADY CAUTIONED SEABOARD (REF B) THAT DECISIONS REGARDING ROUTES AND SERVICES WERE MADE HERE WITH GULF AIR'S INTERESTS VERY MUCH IN MIND.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT INFORMING MAHONEY OF FOREGOING AND OFFERING FURTHER ADVICE THAT HE OR ANOTHER SENIOR COMPANY OFFICIAL WITH AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE MAKE TRIP TO BAHRAIN TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH SHAIKH ISA. WE WILL BE HAPPY TO SET UP APPOINTMENT WITH SHAIKH ISA IF SEABOARD LETS US KNOW OF ITS INTENTIONS.
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